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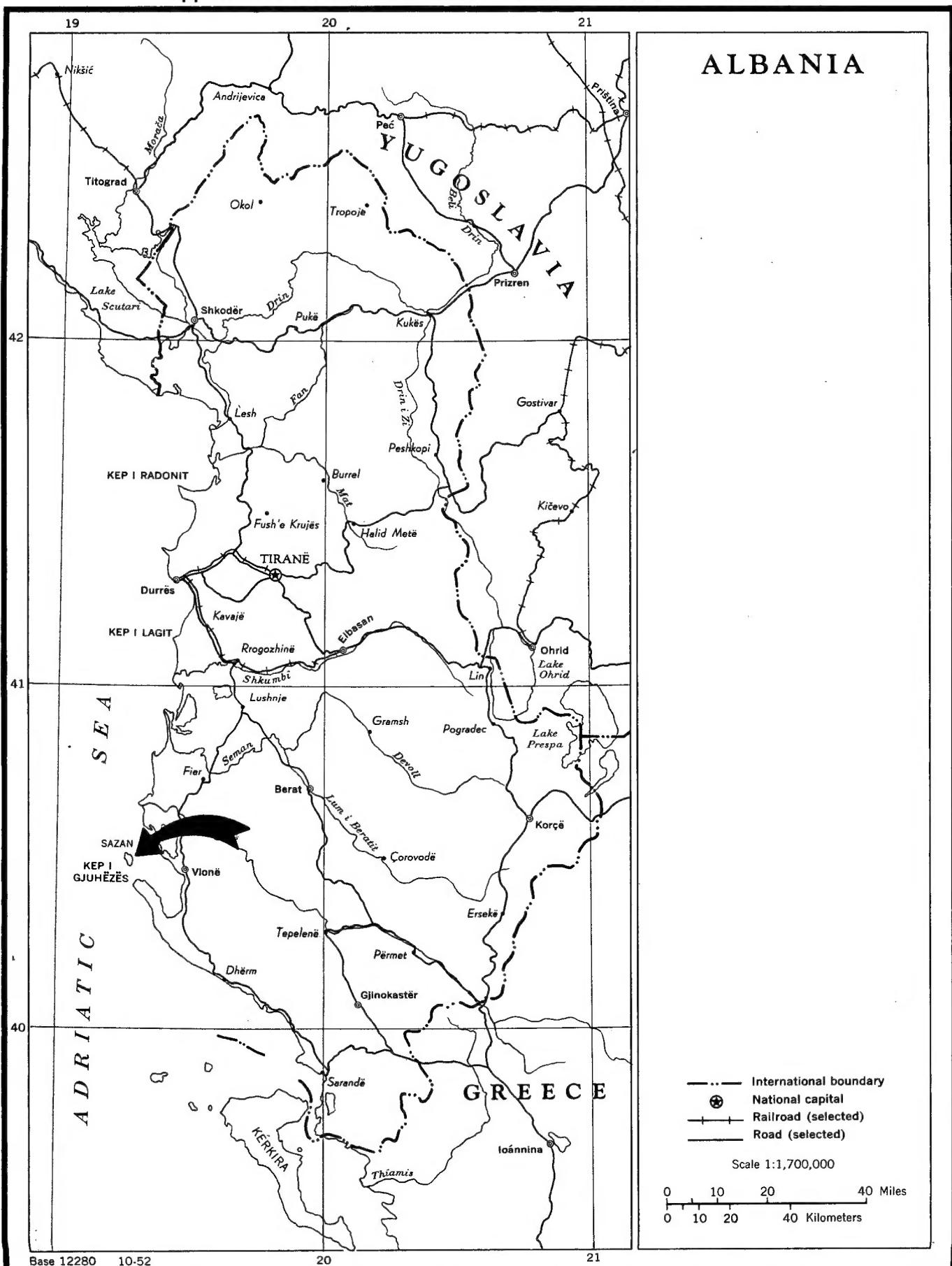
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SAZAN ISLAND, ALBANIA

Sazan Island, approximately two and one half miles long and one mile wide, is strategically located at the mouth of Vlone Bay and commands the entrance from the Adriatic Sea. The entire island is known to be under military control, with both army and naval units stationed here as a permanent garrison. Defense positions include an 8-gun and two 4-gun (85-100 mm) dual-purpose batteries and an 8-gun and one 4-gun medium (85-100 mm) anti-aircraft battery. All of these batteries are radar-controlled. A probable early warning TOKEN radar site is also present. Numerous machine gun positions, bunkers, and underground storage areas are scattered throughout the island.

San Nicolo Harbor, on the east side of the island, is a small naval base for three "Kronshtadt" class PC boats and a few PT boats. A 220-foot possible transporter dock, used for underwater repairs to patrol craft, was also present in [redacted]

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There is no photographic evidence of a reported submarine base or an underground petroleum products storage area on Sazan Island. There has been no major construction or any apparent significant change on the island since [redacted]

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The major installations on the island are annotated on the accompanying line drawing and described in the key to annotations. The photo mosaic of Sazan Island included in this report is made from [redacted] photography.

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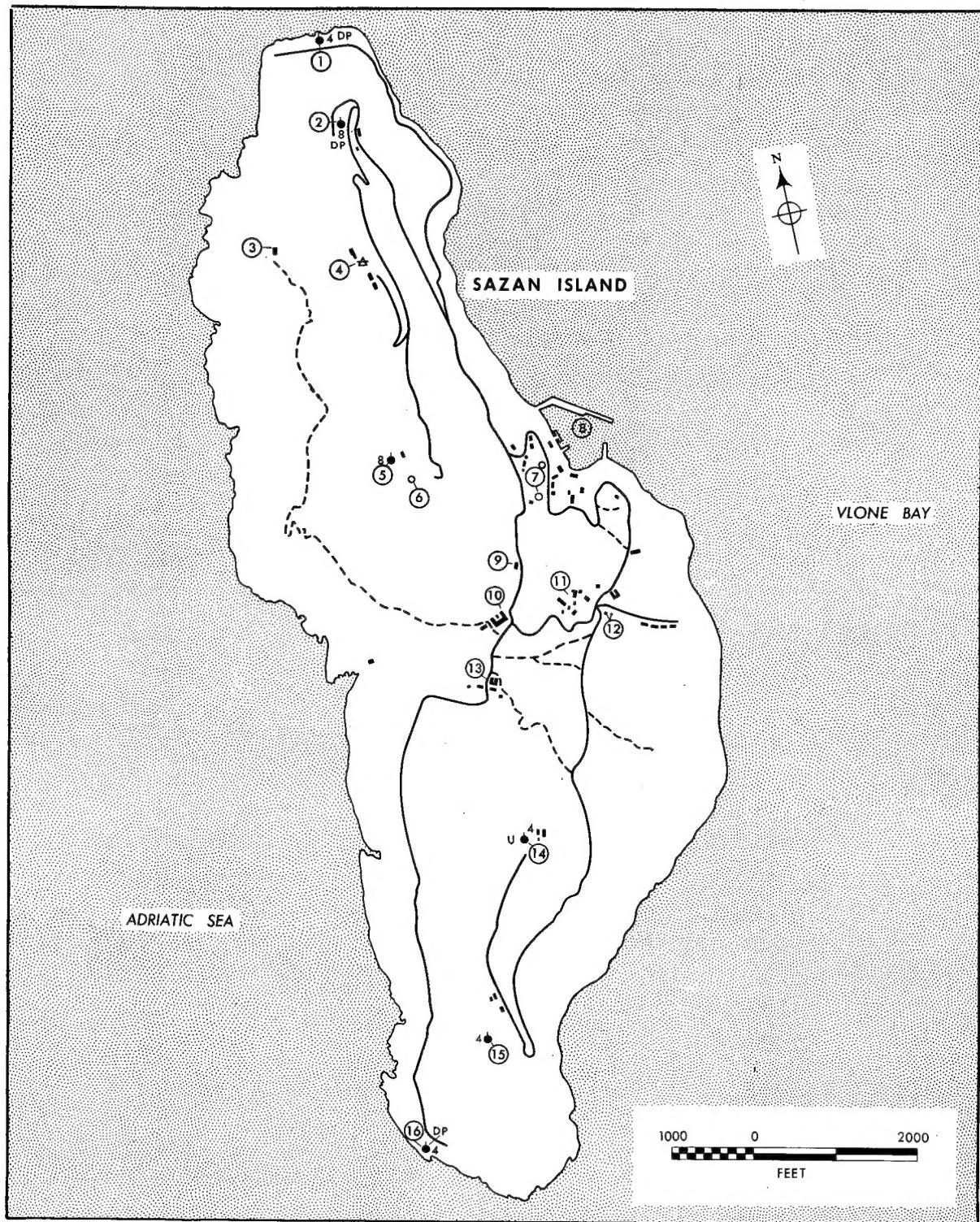
KEY TO ANNOTATIONS

1. Four-gun, medium (85-100 mm) dual-purpose battery.
2. Eight-gun, medium (85-100 mm) dual-purpose battery.
3. Lighthouse.
4. Radar site, probably TOKEN.
5. Eight-gun, medium (85-100 mm) anti-aircraft battery.
6. Radio/radar facility. Retractable antenna in 30' diameter opening. Possible underground communications or control center.
7. Water tanks, two, semiburied, each 40' diameter.
8. San Nicolo Harbor, 600' x 700', formed by two artificial breakwaters. Limited facilities include one T-head pier 125' x 20', and one pier 90' x 20'. No cargo handling equipment is evident. Adjacent area contains some twenty storage and personnel buildings ranging in size from 30' x 30' to 90' x 30'.
9. Diesel power plant.
10. Sazan Island headquarters area: two-story administration building, U-shaped, 140' x 20' with two wings each 40' x 20'; shop building 90' x 45'; and underground storage facilities.
11. Barracks and storage area: three barracks-type buildings, one U-shaped 30' x 20' with each wing 100' x 30'; one L-shaped 100' x 45' with wing 20' x 20'; and one 110' x 30'. Six storage buildings, average size 45' x 25'.
12. Two underground entrances, masonry construction.
13. Barracks area: one U-shaped barracks 20' x 20' with each wing 90' x 20', one building 80' x 45', one building 80' x 30', two buildings each 45' x 30'.
14. Four-gun, medium (85-100 mm) anti-aircraft position, unoccupied.
15. Four-gun, medium (85-100 mm) anti-aircraft battery.
16. Four-gun, medium (85-100 mm) dual-purpose battery.

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Project 406-59 requesting a description of military and naval activity  
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MAP DATA:

25X1 US Target Complex Chart, [REDACTED] -1-25MA, 1st Ed., Sep 56. (C)  
US Target Complex Chart, [REDACTED] -100A, 2nd Ed., Sep 56. (C)

COORDINATES: 40°30'N/19°17'E Sazan Island



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